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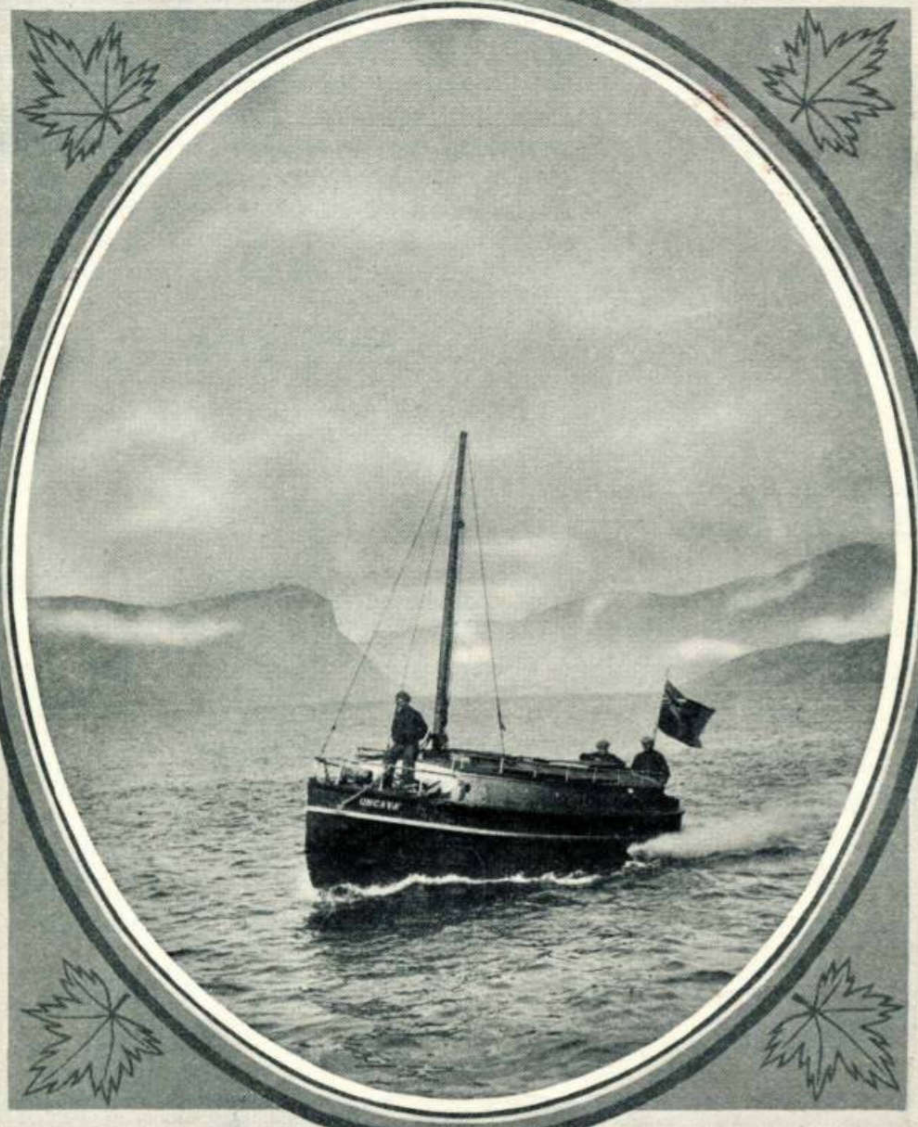

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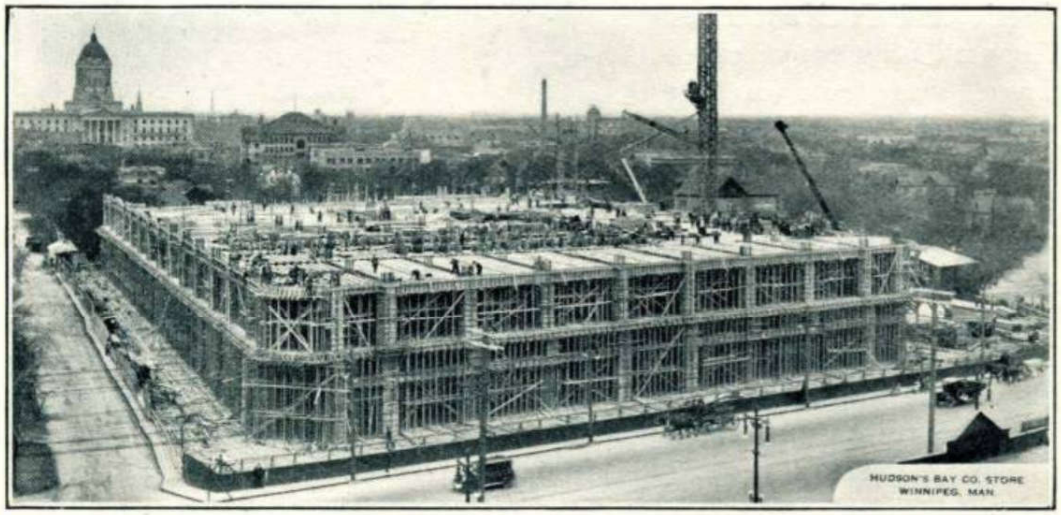
Winnipeg New Store



Showing Progress of Construction at May 7th, 1926

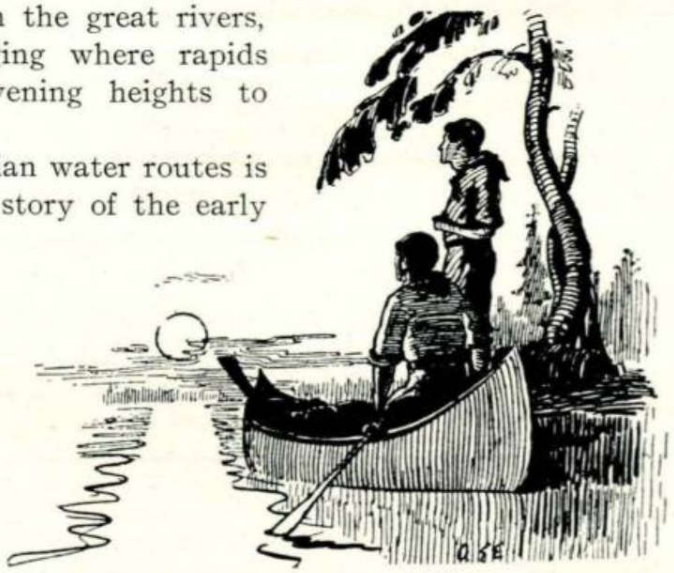
The tall wooded structure in the photograph, rising to a height of 185 feet, is used for hoisting and distributing the concrete over the various floors. The jointed arm on the chute swings in any direction required and greatly speeds the work. In the background of the photograph can be seen the Provincial Parliament Buildings, also the University of Manitoba. At time of going to press another floor has been added to the structure. The store's rapid growth is the subject of comment throughout the city.

Canoeing in Canada

By DR. E. VOORHIS, Victoria
Illustrations by Mr. Elias, Department of Interior

EVERY canoeist discovers that a successful trip requires, among the other necessary conditions, suitable waters, a picturesque country and excellent summer climate.

The Canadian rivers and lakes offer an unlimited choice. For hundreds of miles one may travel on the great rivers, from lake to lake, portaging where rapids impede, or crossing intervening heights to other streams.



The history of the Canadian water routes is linked with the fascinating story of the early explorers who, following the streams and lakes, penetrated not only through the eastern forests to Hudson Bay, but in the great west and northwest to the Arctic and Pacific oceans. Upon this system of canoe travel was built up the enormous fur trade, the Indians bringing their furs to the trading posts many hundreds of miles from their hunting grounds. It is surprising to know that one may travel by canoe with occasional portages from the mouth of the Mackenzie river, on the Arctic ocean, to the Bay of Fundy, a distance of fully 4,500 miles.

East of a line drawn from the Lake of the Woods to Great Bear lake in the far northwest lies the ancient Laurentian plateau comprising almost the whole of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the northern half of Manitoba and the lands between the plains and Hudson Bay. It is a rugged region, about 1,200 feet above sea level, of varying altitude, mostly forested, traversed by innumerable rivers and lakes of all sizes.

This entire region is by nature adapted to the needs of the voyageur who travels by canoe. One may follow the streams for a long summer outing and never see a village or dwelling, and yet civilization lies so close at hand that return is easily possible. Farther west lies the great central plain, where the rivers flow comparatively free from rapids and falls.

In the farthest west lie the great mountain chains of British Columbia, where the rivers are swift and fierce and some, in part, unnavigable. Yet others, suitable for canoeing, flow in deep mountain valleys.

By means of the canoe alone may access be had to these northern regions, and it is their very remoteness that has preserved their greatest charm. Following the Indian's lead, the white man has produced a

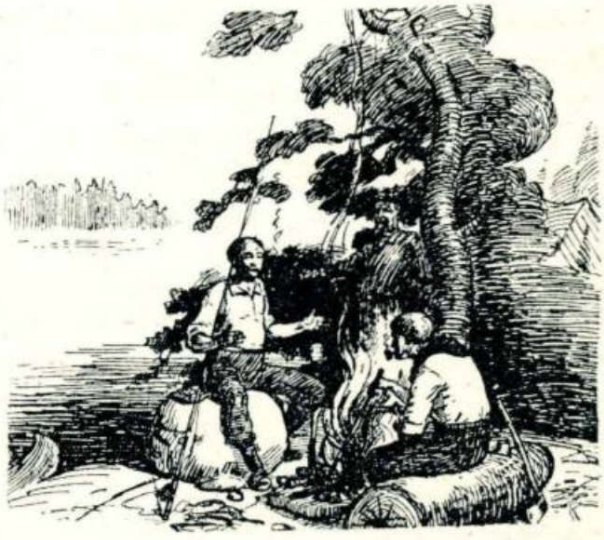
canoe superior to the primitive birch-bark, swifter, lighter, stronger; but the original idea of the Indian survives. Buoyant in rough waters, light for portages, a shelter by night if need be, quickly repaired in case of an accident, the canoe remains the ideal craft for river and lake.

One travels far to find the treasures of the north, and not without reward. If the canoeist comes in search of fish, his quest will not be in vain, for the Canadian lakes and streams are famous for their fish. Brook trout are found in hundreds of streams; lake trout, weighing from fifteen to thirty pounds, are deep down, waiting for the copper line; black bass abound along the rocky shores and reefs of these transparent waters, hungry for almost any bait; pickerel, pike, dore, ouananiche, rainbow trout, and other species are abundant in their natural habitats.

At night, when the tempest rages through the pines, the canoeist, lying on his bed of balsam, may listen to the weird moaning of the midnight witches, the lamenting spirits of the Indian. If the day be beautiful in its blues and greens, its superb pictures and invigorating air, the night is equally beautiful. The silent moon drifts beyond tree-clad heights, trailing a silver sheen upon quiet water. The shimmering aurora rises on the horizon, for the air is charged with mysterious electrons. Faintly, at first of snowy whiteness, soon the sky becomes aflame with orange and green, flashing, quivering tongues of fire leaping to the zenith.

The canoeist who has learned the value of travelling through the woods in silence will have encounters with the animals whom he may surprise. It may be his good fortune to discover a moose or a deer cropping the lily-pads or swimming across a lake, to hear and even see a timber wolf in pursuit of prey, or to see beaver swimming in the twilight.

To one there comes the strong appeal of imagination in following routes of the historic explorer; others find delight in the constant change of beautiful scenery, the forest-clad heights, the rocky moss-covered cliffs, the varying shades of colour; to others, angling brings enjoyment, or the pleasure of paddling on wind-swept waters—each, to his own taste, finds treasures in the canoe-land of the north.



And then the trip is not forgotten. Memories of pleasant days and beautiful scenes continually recur to lighten the winter hours and one rejoices to have been

". . . Boon companions to
the Day and Night,
Fed on the odors of the summer dawn,
And folded in the beauty of
the stars."

Frog in the Throat

By ARABUS

IN the late spring of the year at most inland Hudson's Bay Company posts, the croaking of frogs can be heard all day and all night long, and should there be a swamp in the vicinity the noise those frogs make surpasses that of any jazz band.

One fine June evening, while camped on a portage after a hard day's canoeing and packing, I happened to remark on the disturbance the frogs were making, when my companion of the trail replied, "Don't you know that the frog can talk?" Of course, I laughed at the suggestion. But my friend continued, "All right; laugh all you like, but I can tell you of a true experience of how I came to find out that a frog can really talk."

Lighting his pipe, he stretched himself out and proceeded leisurely, "I went out to the 'line' (railway) one day to get the mail, and as the distance from my post is not very far, I made the trip alone by canoe.

"While at the line, I was able to secure a bottle of rum *for medicinal purposes*. On arriving at the two-mile portage, I was undecided whether I should cross the portage, which is quite a climb, or go round the point, a paddle of five miles, when a frog sitting close by croaked out 'cut-a-cross, cut-a-cross, cut-a-cross, cut-a-cross.' Thinking the frog might be right, I was about to get out of the canoe, when another frog croaked, 'Go-a-round, go-a-round, go-a-round, go-a-round.' At this opposition, the first frog croaked out louder and in a higher key, 'Cut-a-cross, cut-a-cross, cut-a-cross.' And so the two of them went at it, one advising me to cross the portage, the other to go around. I scratched my head for a while in doubt, but as the first frog croaked the louder, I crossed the portage.

"As I wished to make only the one trip on the portage, I carried everything with me, and by the time I got over that hill and onto the small log wharf, I was pretty well out of breath; so thought that a tot of rum would not come amiss before continuing my journey.

"As I was pouring the rum into my cup, I happened to spill some between the logs. Imagine my surprise when from below the logs came another croaking voice saying 'More-rum, more-rum, more-rum.'

"This upset me so much that it took another good tot to keep me from 'croaking' myself."

A War Echo

By MADORA HARDY, Vancouver Store

TO volunteer for war service seemed the right thing to do, and yet, putting into practice what had been but a shadow of a desire was all so different from what one had anticipated. It was like this, "Women wanted: Sign here." And signing, I saw visions of heroines, sacrifices, grand deeds. I positively glowed with pride. It was a time of glamour. It is so easy to dream of greatness but so much less easy to attain to it.

I was drafted into one of the large army units that stood beside the barracks at Woolwich. There, all was excitement.

A gruff voice made itself heard above the awful din, "Help wanted over here." Migrating toward the voice, I made myself known.

Have you ever been looked over by an old army S.M.? His look went clear through me, and must have come out the other side, for the S.M. said, "All right! get on!"

"What with?"

"Sticking down those envelopes, of course."

And then a dialogue started with Reason and Conscience. Reason said, "What! stick down envelopes? Surely your business experience fits you for a better job than that?" Conscience answered, "Yes, maybe, but an envelope well stuck is an important thing; carelessly stuck and the contents may be lost."

All the while my hands worked quickly. Hour after hour I worked, for many hundreds of important documents had to be mailed that night.

Still the argument went on, "Surely you are capable of something better? Refuse to stick envelopes." And again good old Conscience stepped in with "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." So I worked on. At last I found a certain satisfaction in doing the work quicker than the one standing beside me.

Every day, first thing, Reason stood on its dignity, but by midday Conscience got the upper hand. My hands never slackened their pace. But my former dreams of great things, where were they?

Imagine my surprise when, on the following Monday, I was called to the office and given a position as supervisor.

Wasn't I proud then, and glad that Conscience had won the battle? Do you ever feel that it's only a little job you have to do, and unworthy of your ability? Well, never mind that, put your all into it and do it well. The office where I worked had two thousand helpers, and all unknown someone had watched me. Besides, even if no one had seen, there was always the personal satisfaction in work well done.

Thank God the war is over! Conditions are different now, but I find business has still its minor and its greater duties, all of which require to be *done well*.

Henry Kelsey, H.B.C. Explorer

By ROBERT WATSON

IN 1684, Henry Kelsey, a boy of the city of London, was engaged by the Hudson's Bay Company as an apprentice at a salary of £8 a year and his board. He was sent out to Fort Nelson on Hudson Bay. On the same ship with him, the *Happy Return*, was the redoubtable Radisson.

Little Kelsey, with the alertness that the rough-and-tumble of London streets had engendered, and with a mind filled with ideas of adventure and excitement, found all and more than he ever dreamed of in the life upon which he entered.

At Fort Nelson he quickly became very much at home. He soon made friends with everyone, white and Indian alike, and the Assiniboines in all their feathers and native adornments were a never failing source of interest to him as they came to the fort to trade furs for guns, powder and shot; beads, hatchets, mirrors and trinkets.

It was a strict rule of the Company that the general servants should not speak or hunt with the Indians unless by special permission.

Young Kelsey found rules and regulations irksome and seemed to take a pleasure in slipping away from the fort, time and again, and mixing with the Indians; his youthfulness and his audacity giving them much amusement.

He soon became fluent in their language. In his love of adventure, he would steal off with them on an occasional hunt, when his activity, his daring and his keenness at learning won fresh admiration of the Indians.

These flagrant breaches of discipline were overlooked for a time by the Governor of the fort, but finally they culminated in a thrashing being administered to Kelsey.

That proved too much for the high-spirited youngster, and when the next day dawned on the fort, Kelsey was amissing, and a search in and about the fort and the neighbouring forests failed to reveal his presence. He was ultimately given up as lost.

After many months, during which time the French had done much damage to the trade of the Hudson's Bay Company and fresh enterprise into the interior for fur had become imperative, an Indian runner arrived at Fort Nelson with a message written in English on a piece of birch bark. It was from the long-lost Kelsey, stating he was well and had been travelling far with the Indians. It asked forgiveness and conveyed an offer from him to conduct an exploring party in search of trade with unknown tribes of Indians.

The Governor was delighted with this prospect and forgave him at once.

Soon Kelsey arrived; now a man, keen-eyed, strong, active and bronzed as any Indian. Dressed as an Indian brave, with an Assiniboine woman as his wife he was warmly greeted by his old companions. The Governor did not approve of Kelsey having an Indian mate, but he had to swallow his dignity and receive her with her husband into the fort.

Kelsey became a popular local hero, and when London heard of his exploits, instructions were sent to the Governor to dispatch Kelsey on a trip of exploration to Churchill river.

The journey was evidently made, although there is no record.

In 1691, however, he made his second journey, and his own journal tells of it. On July 15th, 1691, he, the only white man, set out with a flotilla of canoes and Indians from Dering's Point up the Nelson river. These Indians were making for their home in the far Saskatchewan valley.

Impatient after three days of slow progress on the river, Kelsey took to the trail alone. When almost exhausted from starvation, he met in with a fresh band of Assiniboines and journeyed with them until he rejoined his own party.

He travelled some four hundred miles by river and woodland trail, then across prairie land for fifty miles more. Another eighty miles and he came upon great herds of buffalo, which he hunted with his Indian companions. Thus was Kelsey the first known white man to see the buffalo on the plains.

At times he got detached from his party and became almost hopelessly lost; on one occasion he got caught in a prairie fire; later he encountered grizzly bears and almost lost his life in defence of the Indians who accompanied him.

His prowess in killing two grizzlies in a few minutes earned for him the sobriquet of Miss-top-ashish, meaning "The Little Giant."

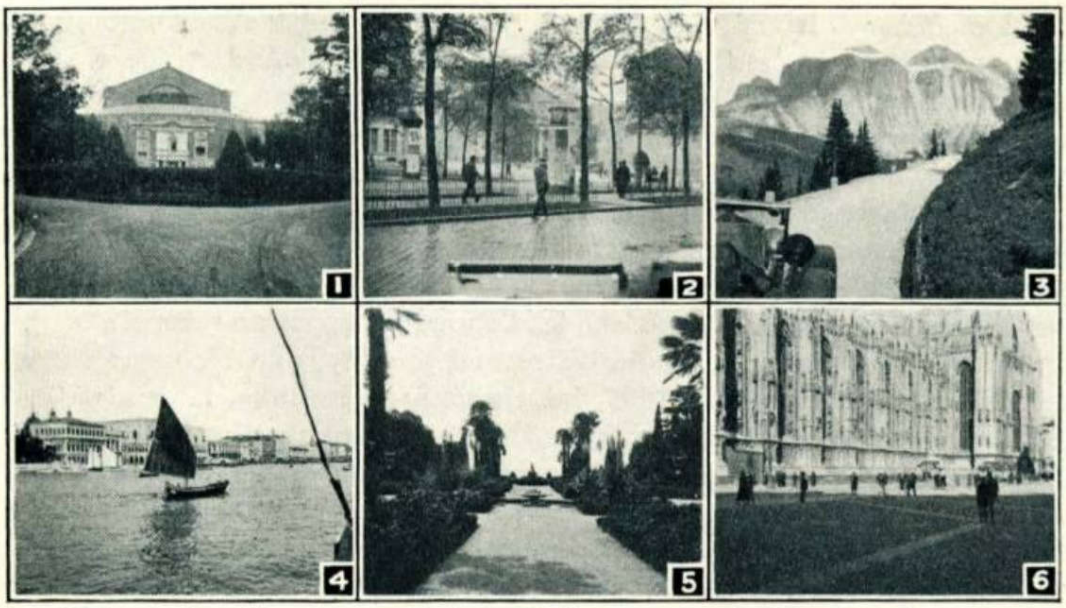
On September 11th of that year he reached the camp of the Naywatamee Poets, his objective. Here Kelsey smoked the peace pipe with the chief, presented gifts and invited the Indians to trade with the white men at Fort Nelson in the spring.

Kelsey was now between five and six hundred miles from his home on the Bay, presumably in the now province of Saskatchewan. He wintered with the Indians and, in the spring of 1692, arrived back at Fort Nelson with a goodly fleet of Indians and furs.

Kelsey was the earliest known British explorer of the Canadian Northwest. Forty years before La Verendrye made his famous voyage west, this one-time city of London street lad had ventured far into the interior, possessing the land as he went in the name of the Hudson's Bay Company and securing trade of Indian tribes that had previously been hostile. He received a special grant from the Company for his exceptional services.

In 1694 he was present at Fort Nelson during its bombardment by Iberville. For his great bravery on this occasion, he was again rewarded.

In 1697 we find him deputy governor of York Factory, and in 1713 governor of York Factory and second in command of the entire Bay.



1. Playhouse at Bayreuth. *2. A Street in Munich.* *3. Mountain Road in Cortina.*
4. Venice. *5. Gardens, Castle Miramare.* *6. Milan Cathedral (side view).*

Through Europe By Automobile

By S. HOPFENKOPF, London, England

A FRIEND of mine in Leipzig, who is the fortunate possessor of an Isotta Fraschini, eight-cylinder car, had occasion to go to Spain on business. He decided to make this journey accompanied by his wife, and he invited me to join them.

We left Leipzig in dull weather, and reached Bayreuth at 1.30. Bayreuth is the well known city in Upper Bavaria where the famous composers, Franz Liszt and Richard Wagner, lived and where the famous Wagner festivals are held. In this small city almost everything is named after or has some reference to music. We proceeded via Schwandorf and Amberg. The country is rather pretty to Regensburg, where the river Regen falls into the Danube. We proceeded to Landshut. In Munich we stopped only to take petrol for the car, then went on via Wolfratshousen to Kochel, a beautifully situated health resort on the Kochel lake.

Passing through Mittenvald and Scharnitz in the Karwendel mountains on the Austro-German frontier, we entered Austria, and driving through the Isar valley, arrived in Innsbruck. Having crossed Brennero, we entered Italy, passing through many beautiful old places in the Eisack valley and in the mountains. Early in the evening we reached Bolzano, the capital of South Tyrol, famous for its fruit growing and wine.

We spent the night in Bolzano and proceeded via Karasse under the shadow of the mighty Latemar, with fascinating views of the Rosengarten. From Karasee we went on the Dolomite road through scenery of overwhelming grandeur in the Dolomite mountains. Further on we passed numerous picturesque villages, with splendid views of the mountains.

We reached Treviso, then continued to Neastre. Later we took a small motor boat for three-quarters of an hour round Venice and the Canale Grande until we reached the Lido. Next morning we revisited Venice and went to the famous palace of the Doges. We left Venice by steamer for Trieste, a big commercial port, but otherwise uninteresting.

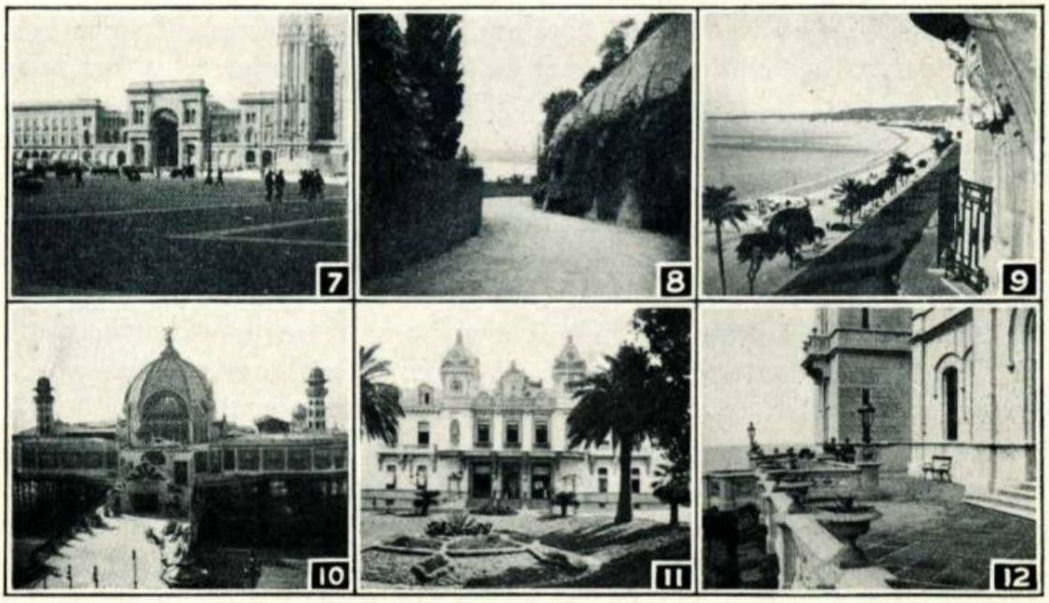
On the following day we hired a small motor boat, which took us some eight miles away from Trieste to the magnificent castle "Miramare," built for the last Empress Elisabeth of Austria.

Returning to Trieste, we left the city in the evening by train for Milan; a very big city possessing a famous cathedral. From Milan we drove via Pavia until we again reached the mountains and, crossing them, came down to Voltri on the Ligurian Sea. From Voltri we drove on the coast road. In Savona, a very old Roman post, we stayed over night.

Next morning we proceeded in beautiful sunshine into the French Riviera. We spent a night in Nice. We continued to Monaco and Monte Carlo, visiting the famous Casino. It was exceedingly interesting to watch different people playing at the four big tables. Having lunched in Monte Carlo, we went back to Nice. In the afternoon we drove to a small but very fascinating bathing place, "Juan les Pins" near Antibes.

Early next morning we left Nice for Marseilles, passing Cannes and Toulon. About four o'clock we reached the city of Marseilles. Here we visited the port, from which we could see the famous Chateau d'If, which recalled the marvellous story of the Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas, senior. Here I caught the P.L.M. train which brought me straight to Calais, and thence to London.

From Leipzig to Marseilles we covered altogether 1200 miles by car without a puncture and never once had to put up the hood.



7. Arcade of Milan. *8. Frontier, Italy and France near Mentone.* *9. Nice.*
10. Pier of Nice. *11. Casina, Monte Carlo.* *12. Castle Terrace, Miramare.*

The Wood We Burn

By H. M. S. COTTER, Cumberland House

IN parts of the country where trees grow sparsely or where the forests near at hand have been cut out, it becomes the problem of many H.B.C. post managers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel and at reasonable cost. White spruce is perhaps the most commonly used for fuel at the posts. This wood gives a steady heat and burns with a clear flame. White poplar is also largely used, although it requires to be seasoned for a year to obtain the best results. It leaves a lot of ash when burnt out, but otherwise is a clean wood to handle and, as it has few branches, it is readily cut and put up in cords. Tamarack is an excellent wood and gives off a tremendous heat when dry. Jack pine, red or Norway pine, yellow and white birch and black spruce are also used as fuel. Birch makes long, lasting night fires. At one time it was made into coke for Hudson's Bay Company's blacksmiths. In places now settled, oak, maple, elm and other hard woods were used as fuel.

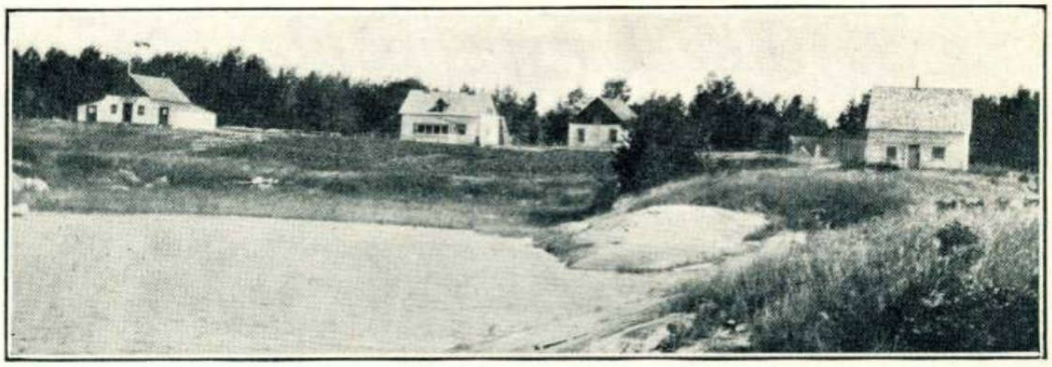
Firewood, after it has been cut and piled in the woods, either in cords or in piles containing long irregular lengths, is brought to the post, generally in winter, by horses, oxen or dogs; in summer, by boat or raft.

Most axemen take pride in turning out firewood according to standard, that is, the billets are cut in exact four-foot lengths and are properly split, piled compact and square, but the "black sheep" will cut the billets under the four-foot regulation size, and to save time will leave the billets unsplit so that they never season properly; rotten trees that can be cut with one blow of the axe are piled with solid wood and neatly camouflaged, or spurs of the branches are left on the wood, holding it apart when piled and forming "air pockets."

In checking up wood piled here and there in the forest, it sometimes happens that the full quota can not be found, the chopper pleading as an excuse, "I cut it right enough. Somebody (that indefinite being) must *of* stole it!" If the wood has already been paid for, a controversy ensues over the "lost cord."

It is considered a day's work to cut, split and pile two cords of poplar, or 256 cubic feet, yet there are axemen who can put up five cords daily. Such men have the muscles and endurance, and are agile on their feet; besides they have system, which is everything. Instances are recorded here of choppers cutting and piling seven cords per day (the long spring days), or 896 cubic feet of wood, ready for river steamers' boilers.

The forest fire is a terrible scourge. We have all seen its devastating effect on valuable timber that has taken hundreds of years to reach maturity. The conservation of the northern woodlands both for its timber and the fur-bearing animals it protects is a subject we are all vitally interested in. We should let no opportunity pass in aiding the government forestry department in its campaign against forest fires.



Cross Lake Post

H.B.C. Posts, Keewatin District

By J. BARTLEMAN, District Manager

No. 1—Cross Lake

CROSS Lake post was established in 1884. Previous to that date, it was situated about three hundred yards north of the present site, it being then an outpost from Norway House. Till 1913, freighting was done by York boat from Norway House. Freight is now brought by steamer from West Selkirk and Warren's Landing to Whiskey-jack Portage. A motor truck hauls it over the five-mile portage, and the remaining twelve miles is done by gasoline boat.

The Indians are of the Swampy Cree tribe, Cree being the language spoken.

The band has been formed by the migration of Indians from York Factory, Fort Churchill, Nelson House, Norway House, Oxford House and Moose Lake.

The first treaty was paid the Indians in 1875. Previous to that, they were paid at Norway House.

The population is approximately as follows: Indians, four hundred and fifty; half-breeds, thirty-five; whites, forty.

All kinds of garden produce is grown, both by the whites and Indians. Commercial sturgeon fishing is engaged in every summer at Sipiwesk Lake, which is on the Nelson river, fifty miles north of the post.

There are two missions at Cross Lake—Methodist and Roman Catholic, the latter having a large Indian boarding school.

The post is situated on the east side of the Nelson river, at the south end of Cross lake, sixty miles north of Norway House, and fifty miles east of the Hudson Bay railway, the nearest point being Setting Lake.

About fifteen miles north of the post is a point known as the "Old Fort." None of the present inhabitants have any knowledge of who built this fort. Presumably it is more than a hundred years since it was vacated. Perhaps it was one of the Northwest Company's.

The present manager of Cross Lake post is A. W. Anderson.

The Unspeakable

By DR. JOHN MACLEAN

IT was getting dark and the ruddy glow of the fire in the spacious lodge of Mikasto, head chief of the Blood Indians, located by the foothills of Southern Alberta, cast a strange glare upon the faces of the redmen as we told stories in the Blackfoot tongue of early days in the West. After each of my companions had recited in thrilling language some personal adventure with the Cree, Sioux, Crow and Kootenay Indians, it was my turn to relate a story, but instead of giving a bit of experience, I described the steamships made of iron and steel plowing through the mountainous waves on stormy seas, and then led them on to the beautiful home of the "Big Mother," Queen Victoria, and as I spoke in the native language, supplemented by the sign language, they leaned forward in deep interest, put their right hands on their mouths, and were speechless with surprise and wonder.

This expression of deep emotion impressed me as something unusual, but after an absence of two months on the long trail, when I returned, as I was walking in a leisurely fashion, Calf Shirt, a dignified chief and an old friend, saw me and as he approached to greet me he put his left hand upon his mouth, held out his right hand, and shaking mine, gazed intently into my eyes, while his face shone with delight, but not a word escaped from his lips. This was one of the finest compliments and strongest expressions of real friendship which I ever received, and the interpretation of the sign may be briefly translated, "My dear friend, I am so glad to see you that I cannot find any words to express my great joy."

It was a delight which was unspeakable, and in the passing years, as this sign was often repeated, I came more fully to recognize and understand, and there came a fullness of meaning of things unspeakable, something beyond spoken language, thoughts and feelings which could not be uttered, a vision of great truths such as William Morris, in "Earthly Paradise" expresses:

> "The day unspeakable draws nigh
> When bathed in unknown flame
> All things shall lie."

The savage of the foothills was transformed and became as a little child, speechless with wonder and delight; and again, he was a man of culture, standing on the heights, unable to express the surging thoughts of his soul, silent, almost stupid, at the strange things he saw, and then he was stricken dumb with a sweet joy which he hardly understood. There is high and deep doctrine hidden in the contention that spiritual truths to be fully expressed need a spiritual language, and the reason why there is so much disagreement is that the language used to make spiritual ideas clear

is addressed to the intellect and not to the soul, and so in the presence of these truths we are in a land of mystery and are dumb in helplessness and wonder.

And so, my Blackfoot savage with his hand on his mouth has uttered a truth, deeper than he knew, and his sign has become a symbol of the ages, greater than any human language, and rich in its fullness of meaning for all time.

Our Cover Picture

Our cover picture this month shows the Hudson's Bay Company's motor boat *Ungava* in action. She plies between posts on Cumberland Sound, Baffin Land. The photograph is by Ashton Alston.

Northern Natives

"Kublook," a Chesterfield Inlet Husky

Photo by A. B. Cumming

An Eskimo Belle, Western Arctic

Photo by P. H. Godsell

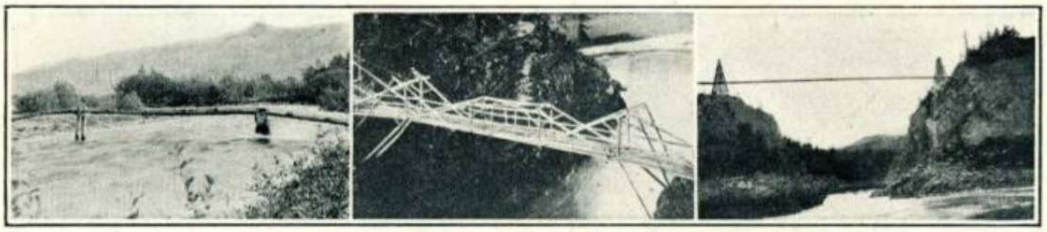
Necessity the Mother of Invention

By C. H. FRENCH, British Columbia District

No. 4—Housekeeping on the Trail

WHEN the Company's men are on inspection trips, they are not always able to sleep inside tents, but at times must wash, shave, dress, sleep and live under that glorious shelter, the sky. If it is wintertime and the sky is clear, one always knows that the wood pile must be abundant or extreme cold will be experienced. Should the sky cloud up, the native will assure you that a Siwash blanket will be available and not so much wood will be required. A Siwash blanket means that on account of the clouds it will be warmer than it would be were the sky clear.

Note that the looking glass is conveniently hung on a stick stuck in the ground, that a comfortable seat is available, that clothespins are made from small twigs and that even the man doing the washing sits comfortably down to his work, so that after all life in the service is always enjoyable.



No. 5—Bridges

Perhaps the earliest form of bridge construction was by felling a tree over a river. One of this form is shown in the above illustration.

The next attempt was perhaps by logs and poles, but on the cantilever principle. Our illustration shows this. Two trees about three feet apart were pushed out from each bank until the tops overlapped. The butts were weighted down with stones and the overlapping ends lashed together. The whole structure was then braced with poles, these acting as side rails, and all was fastened with wooden pins or lashed with cedar roots.

The bridge shown in this illustration was washed out during the extraordinary high water of 1894 and is now replaced by a wire slung affair suitable to carry all kinds of traffic and is perhaps the highest bridge of its kind in British Columbia.

About the Modes of Summer

A Letter from Suzanne

Palm Beach, Fla., May 10, 1926.

Dear Editor—I am enjoying my visit south very much, but to be honest I long to get back to dear old Canada.

Each day it is my great pleasure to see the summer styles paraded on the avenues, they are so refreshing, sensible and lovely.

New inspirations in taffeta, faille and satin are seen on the smartest women daily. Silk and satin coats are more popular than ever, black and white effects leading the vogue. White fur trims with white crepe-de-chine linings give a striking appearance to a black coat made of either of these materials.

For sports, pleated crepe skirts, with sweater blouse in self or contrasting colour, are very smart, worn with felt cloche hats.

The smartest sport shoes are of lizard in grey or beige, or beige kid pumps worn with fancy figured wool stockings. In dresses, the normal waist and a curved and even distended hip are stressed. For day, the straight line pleated skirt is very good and for the evening very full gathered skirts, cousins to grandmother's hoops, are the most popular. In all dresses there is a tendency back to the feminine touch, which after all is the real appeal that a woman should have in her dress.

A Smart Sports Outfit

Very large hats, picture hats, usually black, and some in colours to match the costume, create stunning effects for summer wear. Navy-blue and grey are accepted colours in these large hats. The sailor, extinct for so many seasons, is back again in fashion's parade, due no doubt to the clever tailleur, which so many of the smart women have accepted during the season.

Smart accessories, such as the large, mannish handkerchief in the tailleur pocket, soft, gay flowers as boutonnieres, chic handbags to match shoes, belt and perhaps collars and cuffs, are often seen in reptilian leather, or soft kids.

One of the new fads is a novelty necklace made of coloured chenille finished with a tassel, while Russian antique jewellery, as well as slave bracelets and necklets to match, still encase the necks and wrists of smart women.

I shall be seeing you again in several weeks, and shall tell you in detail of my trip.

Sincerely, SUZANNE.

News from Stores, Posts and Branches

Vancouver

COLD STORAGE VAULTS FOR FURS

The Eskimo learned the art of keeping the air in his igloo just below freezing point, and this atmosphere kept his fur clothing in the right condition. To this primitive art of the igloo atmosphere the cold storage plant of the Company has added the modern science of purified air in circulation, which insures the beautifying as well as the preservation of furs. We have now the largest and most scientifically equipped storage vault in Canada, covering an area of 72x15—6x19 feet. It is two tiers high, with capacity of more than 4000 garments. Built on the Brine system, the air in the vault is purified and changed every five minutes, so that it is absolutely free of obnoxious gases or vapour. The dry air is forced through by huge fans, and as the refrigerating plant is located outside the vault, it is impossible for dampness or moisture to enter or damage the furs. Furs are thoroughly cleaned before being put into the vault. Each one is hung on a separate hanger and is not disturbed until taken out.

We are glad to welcome to this store Mrs. O. B. Nash, recently from the American Academy of Art, Chicago. Mrs. Nash's work is already attracting attention. Recently she was invited to give a talk on "Colour" to the Art Club here. Her series of posters used in the displays for June brides' week were especially appealing. Although only here a short time, she is entering into the store's social events with fervour, and feeling quite at home.

We welcome Mr. Heales to our display department. He is by no means a stranger to us, as his work at Gordon Drysdale Limited was often watched, admired and commented on.

E. R. Dunk, our silk and dress goods buyer, has just returned from the east, where he was called suddenly by the serious illness of his mother. Unfortunately, however, she passed away at Port Perry, Ontario, before he had time to reach her. The sympathy of the entire staff goes out to Mr. Dunk in his bereavement.

The sympathy of the staff goes out to Mr. Sewell, who has recently undergone a serious operation on the temple. We understand a further operation is necessary. We hope he will soon be back at his post as the head of the stationery section.

Having returned from a three weeks' trip to the eastern markets in search of special purchases for the Anniversary sale, Miss Andrew, our ready-to-wear buyer, reports an unusually successful trip. Toronto, Montreal and New York are featuring sports wear above everything else.

Mr. Dale, buyer of men's furnishings, has arrived home from the European markets. During the three months' time in which he was away, some very important purchases were effected by him.

Mr. Townsend, our furniture buyer, left recently for the eastern markets, where he will make extensive purchases for his department.

Mr. Sparling, our men's clothing buyer, is also back in the city after a three weeks' buying tour of the eastern Canadian and American centres.

SPORTS

Cricket—With the opening of the cricket season, 1926, H.B.C.C. presents the finest team ever assembled in the Vancouver store. Many new members have associated themselves with the club and everything points to a successful season. The first league match was held on Wednesday, May 5th, and the store club was matched against last season's league winners. The fact that H.B.C.C. lost by only three runs is proof positive that the team is good. The second match was played on May 12th and was an easy victory for the store. The club will appreciate a little better support from the staff. Cricket is a game worth watching, and when played as the store team is playing, it is most interesting.

Victoria

MADE-IN-CANADA EDITION OF DAILY COLONIST

As part of our 256th Anniversary celebration, a special made-in-Canada edition was published on May 2nd by the Victoria *Daily Colonist*. This was a 24-page section and contained much valuable information covering Hudson's Bay Company, its past and present history, and a deal of excellent matter relative to made-in-Canada products. To make this special edition possible, manufacturers and suppliers all over Canada were asked to co-operate, with the result that over seventy-five concerns responded in most generous manner. There are still a few copies

available and should any *Beaver* reader care for one, please drop a line to the advertising department, Victoria, and a copy will be sent.

On Monday evening, May 10th, via Station CFCT, a very creditable radio concert was given by various members of the Victoria store staff. The artists included Elsie Hastings, contralto; Laura White, soprano; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groves, Jennie Hall, Donald Adams and the Blue Bird Orchestra, led by A. R. Minnis. This was the first of a series of monthly concerts to be given by members of the Hudson's Bay Company's Victoria store staff. The next one will be given on Tuesday evening, June 8th, commencing at nine o'clock. *The Beaver* readers everywhere are invited to tune in on Station CFCT and listen to what we Victorians can do.

We were glad of the opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with Miss Woodhead and of welcoming her to Victoria.

SPORTS

Inter-Floor Golf Championship—The H.B.C. Imperial Golf Trophy is a truly remarkable work of art, executed by various members of the Victoria store hardware department under the very able supervision of Arthur Haines. The mahogany base, embellished with genuine brassed drawer handles, was originally a clock stand, while the lower part of the trophy itself is a tea kettle minus the spout and handle; the top portion is a vase ornament salvaged from a broken heater. This priceless trophy was originally held by J. Martin and L. Todhunter, self-styled golf champions of the lower main floor. Then out came a challenge from the fourth floor by A. J. Watson and Bradley Watson, and after a hard tussle on the Uplands golf course, Martin and Todhunter were for the time being left in undisputed possession of the championship. Two weeks later, on Wednesday, May 12th, still another challenge came from the fourth floor, this time from Leona Hunter and Bradley Watson, who played against Peggy Love and J. Martin representing the lower main floor. The outcome of this match was a glorious win for the fourth floor representatives, who at the time of going to press still retained the championship and possession of the trophy.

Football—Congratulations are in order for the Hudson's Bay Company's football eleven, who are now champions of the Wednesday league and holders of the coveted Pendray cup. The deciding factor in winning the championship was the second game of the Pendray cup finals played at the Royal Athletic Park before a crowd of football enthusiasts. In this final match, the result of which was a 1-0 victory for Hudson's Bay Company's team, H.B.C. line up was as follows: Shrimpton; Gardiner and McKay; Hagger, Webber and Kirchin; Adde, Clark, Woodlet, Hansen and Mair.

Tennis—The tennis season, so far as the Victoria store employees are concerned, promises to be a good one. Two excellent courts on Hampshire Road, formerly used by the B.C. Electric Company's employees, have been secured by our energetic sports committee and all members of the association are invited to play. The formal opening of the courts took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 19th, when, after a few sets were played, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson entertained the members to afternoon tea on the beautiful lawn at the rear of their residence, which happens to be close by the courts.

Swimming—Hudson's Bay night at the Crystal swimming pool still continues to be highly popular not only with the swimmers but with those who go to look on.

Craigflower Farmhouse

(NEAR VICTORIA)

This interesting photograph of Craigflower Farmhouse was sent in by E. H. Wilson, Land Department, Victoria, and is by Harold Fleming, Victoria.

The history of the farm was dealt with at length in *The Beaver* of January, 1923, and in the issue of February, 1923, a notice appeared to the effect that the historic farm had been taken over on a long lease by the Hudson's Bay Company's Employees' Association, of Victoria, for club purposes.

Interest in this photograph centres on the old studded door. This is the original one as set up in 1853. It is 6 feet 9 inches high, 3 feet 5½ inches wide and 2½ inches

Craigflower Farmhouse

thick. Its attractive features are its ornamental, handmade, iron, thistle-designed hinges and its iron studding.

The hinges extend almost the full length of the door, the "thistle" being 34 inches long and the leaves 20 inches wide. There were originally 117 iron studs in the door, but 31 of these have disappeared and are in some cases replaced by wooden ones. The size of the door lock is 15 inches by 7 inches by 1½ inches. Judging from the size of the keyhole (2 inches by ¾ of an inch) the "latch key," which is missing, probably weighed half a pound.

Kamloops

Spring is here and May Day has come and gone. The May Day celebrations were held on May 7th and in spite of inclement weather the day was a huge success. The May Queen's float was decorated by members of the Hudson's Bay staff under the supervision of E. J. Lanceley, and many comments were passed as to its beauty and originality.

Hearty congratulations to our manager, E. J. Lanceley, on his completing fifteen years' service with the Company.

We all regret very much the death of H. Nixon, who was a member of the staff of this store for nearly ten years. Mr. Nixon was greatly esteemed and respected by all who knew him and his decease is lamented by a large circle of friends.

The staffs of the Kamloops and Vernon stores are proposing to hold a joint picnic on May 24th and committees from each store met at Grand Prairie to decide upon a suitable place to hold same. The meeting took the form of a small picnic and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. We are all looking forward to a real jolly time on the 24th, when the staffs of the two stores will become better acquainted.

Our tennis club has again come to life and we anticipate a successful season in spite of the fact that the number of golf enthusiasts from the store increases daily.

Vernon

BLOSSOM TIME

Blossom time brought a wealth of bloom to the orchards on the bench lands in and around Vernon, in the Coldstream and B.X. valleys. Seldom, if ever, has there been a greater profusion of blooms. When spring opened, there was a great depth of snow. Continuous warm weather has caused a rapid run-off, the snow melting quickly and the water running down the hill-sides. This is rapidly filling the reservoirs and assuring sufficient reserves of water for irrigation purposes. With the average favourable conditions from now on, a good crop will be assured.

WINDOW DISPLAY

Winning window dressing competitions is a feat in which Vernon excels. The Company's store here is the latest to win distinction in this regard. Word has been received that our Christmas grocery window has been awarded first prize in the Dominion of Canada in the competition which includes displays in cities and towns under 10,000 population. The prize is offered by the *Canadian Grocer*, and the window was dressed by Herbert

I. Masters, who always displays splendid taste in window dressing. This is the third time the Company at this branch has captured first prizes in this competition, and only a few months back a window dressed by Jack Beatty won a prize for the best display of carpets and linoleums. The local press recently referred to the Company's windows in this city, which are always attractive and well lighted and add to the appearance of the streets after nightfall.

It has been arranged to hold the annual staff picnic this year on May 24th (Victoria Day) in conjunction with the Kamloops staff at Grand Prairie, where lunch and a programme of sports will be carried out between the two stores.

L. Livingstone, buyer of the ladies' ready-to-wear department, recently visited the coast in connection with the purchases for the spring opening.—*C. C. Packman.*

Nelson

E. Sutcliffe has recently joined the crockery department, E. Leslie having been transferred to the dry goods.

We welcome A. C. Cope, of the dry goods department.

R. Little, of the ready-to-wear department, was the recipient of a pretty madeira luncheon cloth and napkins, upon her departure from the service. We wish her every success.

Mrs. E. Edgington, formerly of the dry goods department, has been transferred to the ladies' ready-to-wear.

A. C. Spiers, our driver, who is a great poultry fancier, has been very successful in recent shows held in Nelson and district, having captured six cups and various other prizes.

A. Clarke, of the grocery department, is at present enjoying a week's vacation.

B. T. Tinling, special salesman and demonstrator for the Hoover Sweeper Co., has spent the last few weeks with us, and is making many friends among the residents of Nelson.

Sincerest sympathies are extended to John Welsh in his recent sad bereavement caused by the death of his wife. Mr. Welsh has been with us about fourteen years, previously coming to Nelson from Scotland.

H. Ward, last year's captain of the Fairview football team and City League champions, is again seen chasing the pigskin at every possible opportunity.—*Thelma Heddle.*

Calgary

SPRING OPENING

On March 11th, 12th and 13th, the Calgary store presented to its patrons the new spring styles in ladies' wear in an exposition which eclipsed all our previous efforts. The tables in the Elizabethan dining room and cafeteria were arranged to permit of a special platform being laid for the parade of models. Dancing fairies, perfume girls and special orchestral music interspersed with vocal selections entertained the company throughout the afternoon. The demand for seats was greater than the supply. Artificial daffodils, the handiwork of members of our stationery department staff, decorated the tables in the dining room and show cases throughout the store.

ANNUAL BANQUET

On March 29 the members of the Hudson's Bay Employees' Welfare Association of Calgary held their annual banquet in the Elizabethan room of the store.

Prior to the banquet, which was presided over by F. M. Johnston, manager, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Patron, C. V. Sale; hon. president, P. J. Parker; hon. vice-president, F. M. Johnston; president, J. H. Fryer; first vice-president, A. Plowes; second vice-president, A. Wilkinson; third vice-president, W. E. Vanner; treasurer, A. D. Vair; secretary, S. R. Edgar.

Executive—J. Borthwick, G. H. Benson, Mrs. Woody, J. Fitzmartyn, A. D. Vair, J. H. Fryer, C. A. Plowes, W. E. Vanner, G. C. Pollen, F. Garnett, J. Campbell, A. Wilkinson, W. E. Slater and Mrs. Lewis.

C. A. Plowes proposed the toast to the King; L. H. Benjamin proposed the toast to the Company.

Telegrams were read from P. J. Parker, zone manager, formerly of Calgary, and others, unavoidably absent.

Mr. Johnston commented on the splendid selection of officers made by the members and referred to the co-operation that would be necessary from all to make the association a real success this year.

Mr. Fryer, the new president, and Dr. M. C. Costello spoke briefly.

The store's own orchestra, under W. E. Vanner, led off the concert programme, in which the following took part with songs and other entertainment: F. Hickman, J. D. Davies, V. Cross, Stewart Edgar, G. Fitzgerald, J. Maguire and "The Blackbirds," a company of coloured entertainers comprising W. S. Roberts, E. G. Rhodes, W. R. Hutchison, F. L. Garnett, G. F. Russell, D. Moorhall, W. Macleod and C. Grime.

FASHION SHOW

On April 14th, our ready-to-wear and millinery departments joined forces with the Girls' Hospital Aid Society and staged a fashion show at the Palliser Hotel. The Girls' Hospital Aid Society advertised this as a cabaret, with the fashion show as the feature. The mannequins were picked from the smart girls and young matrons of the younger set. The main and spacious dining room was used and every table was sold out. Sports wear, afternoon and evening wear were shown, also six beautiful fur wraps. The closing item was a bride with her four bridesmaids and ring bearer.

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ANNIVERSARY SALE

Our Anniversary Sale started on April 29th and continued until May 15th. The response to our efforts has been very encouraging. One big feature of the Anniversary Sale was the offering to the public of a high-class jewellery stock valued at $55,000.00, which we lately acquired from Dier-Sparling, Limited, of Calgary. Included in this stock were diamonds, watches, clocks, necklets, silverware, etc.

Since our last issue, Calgary has been favoured with visits from quite a number of the Company's officials. During March, G. W. Allan, chairman of the Canadian Board and member of the Committee in London, England, paid a visit to Calgary.

J. Chadwick Brooks, secretary to the Hudson's Bay Company, and at present located in Winnipeg, also paid us a visit during the month of April.

Norman Patterson, chief accountant, London, England, accompanied by P. A. Chester, chief accountant, Canada, made a hurried call on their way back from the coast to Winnipeg.

P. J. Parker, general manager B.C. and S.A. stores, accompanied by his secretary, R. Douglas, paid us a visit from April 25th to May 7th.

During the last three months a number of changes have been made in the ranks of our fellow workers. S. R. Edgar, assistant superintendent, and L. Doll, assistant in the sporting goods section, resigned to go to the Studebaker Corporation of Canada, Limited. Members of the staff have been promoted to fill the vacancies left by these men.

Mrs. McKay, who manages our white-wear departments, is at present in Europe on a buying trip, and will return early in July.

Mr. Bodel, our hardware and toy buyer, crossed to Europe in time to visit the Leipzig Fair in its opening days, and will be back before the issue of this magazine.

Edmonton

J. B. WALLACE PROMOTED

After ten years of service with the H. B.C., Edmonton, J. B. Wallace, accountant, has been transferred to the Winnipeg store. His fellow workers regret his departure and congratulate him on his promotion. Prior to his departure, he was the guest of honour at a dinner party when a presentation was made to him.

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B. H. COOKE PROMOTED

Another Edmonton department manager has been transferred to the Winnipeg store in the person of B. H. Cooke. Mr. Cooke, at the time of writing, is in the eastern markets, but we are looking forward to his return to Edmonton for a few days before he assumes his duties in Winnipeg.

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D. Robertson, Winnipeg, comes to Edmonton as accountant in place of Mr. Wallace. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Robertson.

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THE CHILDREN'S SHOP

The opening of the children's shop on Monday, May 16th, marked another step forward in providing better shopping facilities for the people of Edmonton. Located in the annex, on second floor, adjoining the corset shop, it is one of the most attractive sections of the store. A feature of special interest is the Layette room.

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STORE EXPANSION

The Edmonton store now occupies an entire block on Jasper Avenue, 103rd to 104th Street, with the exception of the premises occupied by the Bank of Commerce at the corner of 104th Street. On Saturday, May 15th, the Jasper Avenue hardware store (adjoining the Bank of Commerce) was opened and celebrated the occasion by turning in a splendid day's business. By the time this issue of *The Beaver* is off the press, it is expected that the groceteria will be in its new location adjoining the main store. The locations of the new Jasper Avenue stores from the main store are as follows: Groceteria, women's shoe shop, men's shoe shop, tobacco shop, sporting goods and baggage shop, hardware store.

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ANNIVERSARY SALE

The Anniversary Sale, May 1st to May 8th, was the most successful sale in the history of the Edmonton store. The first day's sales were more than twenty percent higher than the best previous day's business on record.

Lethbridge

Mr. P. J. Parker, zone manager for the British Columbia and Southern Alberta retail stores, was a visitor to the store recently.

H.B.E.A.A. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year of the Lethbridge association was held recently in the auditorium of the G.W.V.A. building.

Outdoor activities for the summer season were discussed and we look forward to many enjoyable gatherings at the club house at Henderson Lake, where boating, tennis and golfing are extensively indulged in.

Following the business meeting, a social evening and dance were held and enjoyed by all.

The officers elected for the new year were as follows:

President.....W. L. Ogden
Vice-President.....W. C. Thomson
Secretary-Treasurer.....A. Garrick
Executive—J. Morrissey, A. Thomson, Mrs. J. Shaw, A. Scott, J. D. McGregor and G. R. Geering.
Auditor.....A. Scott

SPRING FASHION PARADE

We could not let this opportunity pass without making mention of our Spring Fashion Parade, which was on at the Palace Theatre for two evenings. From the critics' viewpoint it was voted a very great success. The parading of the models was carried out in a very professional manner and did H. Buchan Dall, manager of the ladies' and children's wear department, much credit. Dorothy and Irene Young acted as pages and introduced the various groups of models, while two juvenile dancing artists interpreted the "Dance of Spring" in a pleasing and graceful manner.

The interior of the store has taken on a wonderful appearance and all departments have been made more inviting by the installation of new counters and fixtures. Mr. Murray, of the Calgary store, spent several days here supervising the work.

We welcome to the dress goods and silk department, A. Thomson, who has had wide experience in these lines. Miss Thomson is well known in Lethbridge and district and is very much at home in the environment of the store.

We are pleased that Mr. W. L. Ogden, our manager, after a severe illness, is now restored to his usual good health again.

Saskatoon

We welcome R. R. Harvey, who has been in charge here since April 12th. Mr. Harvey arrived in good time to direct our 256th anniversary sale. The event proved to be the greatest in the Company's history in Saskatoon. The general features of the sale were, a good preparation of real values well displayed, the entire windows being completely changed every day, twenty pages of advertising entering every home in the city (all specially delivered by mail), special announcements on the outsides of all street cars, and a radio message broadcasted the night before the sale announcing the facts to the world. Judging by the crowds here on Saturday, it seems as if the whole world heard the message too. A unique feature of the sale was the fact that not a line of newspaper advertising was used. We depended entirely on the above mentioned methods to put our messages across to the public. We have used the direct advertising method since November and have little reason for complaint.

The spring opening was sponsored by a very attractive window display that caused considerable comment throughout the city, giving much praise to Mr. Wilson for his artistic taste and decorative ability.

Our tennis season has opened auspiciously and there promises some enjoyable times this summer.—*L. Jones.*

Yorkton

At the close of business on Saturday evening, April 3rd, H. N. Louth, in behalf of the staff, presented E. Fleck, manager of the ready-to-wear department, with a handsome leather club bag as a mark of respect in which she was held by every member of the staff. Miss Fleck left the services of the Company after an association of seven years. Miss Fleck was united in marriage to Herman Bohlman, of Leduc, Alberta, on April 26th. The happy couple spent a few days in Regina before going to their home in Leduc.

We welcome E. Berry, of Winnipeg, as manager of the ready-to-wear department.

Yorkton and district has been favoured with an ideal spring for seeding operations. At the time of writing, wheat is covering the ground and the fall rye, which was feared would be a failure owing to lack of snow, is in first-class shape. We have had several rains, therefore there is lots of moisture, which leads us to expect a good crop.

Winnipeg Retail

WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The annual election of the Welfare Association took place in April, when the following officers were chosen by ballot to direct the affairs of the association for another year: President, J. H. Pearen; treasurer, Miss D. L. Budden; secretary, P. Harrison: directors, J. H. Pearen, P. Harrison, Miss D. L. Budden, Miss A. Parker.

CORSET AND LINGERIE DISPLAY

"The first living model display of underwear and lingerie ever staged in Winnipeg was held by the Hudson's Bay store there last month just prior to Easter. . . . It showed the foundation principles of well-fitting undergarments; for after all the most beautifully designed gown in the world may be ruined from an optical standpoint by an ill-fittting undergarment. . . .

"There were ten living models, any one of whom would have delighted the eye of even so critical an artist as Haskell Coffin, and these mannequins were introduced by two tiny little tots . . . who were prettily attired in little lavender frocks. These kiddies distributed dainty lavender perfumery to the assembled visitors. The mannequins each displayed seventeen different garments, the programme being arranged in the following groups: Junior Miss, Girl Graduate, Debutante, Bride, Matron and Stylish Stout. The garments shown included the latest designs and colours in corsets, corselettes, compacts, complete wrap-arounds, step-ins, laced models, as well as a complete range of brassiers and suitable lingerie for various and all occasions. As each model was shown, the manager of the lingerie department, and incidentally one of the best-known lingerie speciality women in Western Canada, Mrs. Sperry, described the garment in a very interesting and enlightening manner."—*Dry Goods Review.*

The models were all members of the staff: Dorothy Dampier, Elloise Landerkin, Nellie Senior, Eileen Hunter, Ena McKenzie, Mamie Gallacher, Minnie Muir, Martha Bolstrom, Mrs. Tyne and Mrs. Davey.

M. Kitching, of the millinery department, returned April 10th, from a ten days' buying trip to the east, taking in Chicago, Montreal, etc.

The hat salon made a fine record in the May sale, and now that the big rush is over, a showing of smart New York and French models is making the millinery section one of much interest to Winnipeg ladies.

Quite a number has been added to the staff of the store during the past six weeks, and we are glad to welcome: M. Rossiter in the ladies' ready-to-wear department; Mrs. K. Stephenson in the children's department; W. M. Holmes, fur and ready-to-wear; W. E. Watson, books, stationery and musical goods; A. J. Ketchen, drugs, cameras and candies; J. W. Cooper, furniture.

The wedding of Minnie Latham to Leonard James, of Winnipeg, on April 17th was one of much interest in the store's social life. Pearl Allen, of the drapery department, was the charming bridesmaid. A cabinet of ancestral silver was presented to Mrs. James by her fellow workers of the silk department.

The wedding of Ida Quinn Cocking, of the notions department, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cocking, Dauphin, to Edwin J. Wells, of Winnipeg, took place Wednesday evening, March 17th, at Knox Church, Professor Kerr officiating.

Maude Pardo, for ten years in the fur department, was married on April 1st to J. Innes, of Winnipeg. After the ceremony the happy couple left for points east, taking in Toronto, Montreal, Chicago and New York. While on their trip they met several of the Winnipeg buyers. Before going away, Miss Pardo was presented with a nest of mahogany tables from her many friends in the store.

We take this opportunity of congratulating C. T. Healey of the upholstery workroom, A. Murray of the men's furnishings, A. Lynch of the grocery department and H. Cameron of the delivery department on the successful completion of the first aid course under the St. John's Ambulance Society.

In the recently published honour list of the Winnipeg School of Art, we find George Foster's name. He wins a term scholarship for his progress in the life class, season just ended. We congratulate him on his success. George Foster illustrated the article "Frog in the Throat" in the present issue of *The Beaver.*

W. J. Roberts, of the silk and woollen department, left for Montreal on the 14th to meet A. T. G. Farquhar on his return from Europe.

W. M. Holmes, M. E. Woodhead and Mrs. K. Stephenson left for Europe May 15th to buy new goods for the new store.

C. S. Whyte, of the china department, returned April 5th from a European buying trip. He visited the potteries in England and Limoges in France.

R. McBeth, of the hosiery and gloves department, returned April 23rd from a three months' European buying trip.

A. T. G. Farquhar, of the piece goods department, who has been buying in Europe for the past three months, arrived home recently.

R. D. Buchan, of the hardware department, returned May 8th from a three months' European buying trip.

D. Baldwin, cashier, on leaving in March to take up a position at the coast, was presented with a handsome club bag from his many friends in the store.

Pearl Hall, of the advertising office, was absent from work during the month of April, on account of a nervous breakdown. Her many friends welcome her back to the office.

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SPORTS

H.B.C. Retail Soft Ball League—A soft baseball league has been formed in the store, comprised of three teams, the Cubs, Tigers and Giants, and we are looking forward to a lot of fun this summer and perhaps some baseball too. Among the three teams, we have plenty of good material, with which we have organized an all-star team to represent H.B.C. in the outside world. Games are being arranged with teams belonging to the City Senior League and we feel sure that our boys will give a good account of themselves.

Winnipeg Depot

AN INCIDENT OF '85

During the rebellion of 1885, I was a sergeant in the 90th Rifles, known as the Little Black Devils.

At the conclusion of the campaign, our force was stationed at Fort Pitt. On our return by river boat, we lay over for four days at Grand Rapids awaiting transfer of supplies. Here a little adventure that might have proved my undoing befell me.

Passing the Hudson's Bay post with some soldier companions while off duty, and ready for any fun that came our way, we noticed the flagstaff with the Company's flag, flaunting the familiar letters in honour of General Middleton and the troops.

My companions were Corporal Smith, Private James Wilkie and one other whose name I forget. Smith was an athlete. In a test, he climbed the flagstaff higher than any of us, where he wrote our names, our regiment and the company number.

On going aboard, some hours later, my companions and I were immediately arrested. Appearing before the commanding officer, we were asked what we had done with the Hudson's Bay Company's flag, as it was missing from the pole and our names had been found written far up on the flagstaff. We protested our innocence, stating the flag had been flying when we left. We were still kept prisoners, and for a time things looked black for us. Later, however, we were again sent for and informed that the flag had been found; that it had been taken down and hidden by three men of another regiment. Then it dawned on me that, as we were returning, we had met and had informed these men of Smith climbing far up the pole and writing our names at the highest point he had reached. Not to be outdone, they had tackled the pole after us, had gone up even higher than Smith, and had written their names higher up; then, to prove their exploit, had taken down the flag, all unthinking of what it meant, hiding it in the bush, where it was found by one of the Company's servants. It was a great relief to me to find we were exonerated from all blame for this unfortunate happening and that our reputations were not impaired through this foolishness.

—*Thos. W. Spearman.*

Thos. W. Spearman

In October, 1885, the government formed a permanent force in Old Fort Osborne in Winnipeg, on the site of the present parliament buildings. Seventeen sergeants of the 90th, the 13th Field Battery and the troop of cavalry then in existence were made honorary members

of the sergeants' mess of the permanent force. Col.-Sergeant T. W. Spearman was one of them.

Last Christmas night completed Col.-Sergt. T. W. Spearman's fortieth year as an honorary member of the sergeants' mess of Lord Strathcona's Horse, when a dinner was held in his honour and he was presented with a handsome silver cup. The cup bears the following inscription: "Presented to Thomas Spearman by the members of the Sergeants' Mess, 'A' Squadron, L.S.H. (R.C.), on the fortieth anniversary of his being elected an honorary member."

Thomas Spearman who is now 72 years of age, hale and hearty, is at present employed in the H.B.C. packing room, dry goods department, Winnipeg depot.—*The Editor.*

Winnipeg General

TENNIS

A meeting of representatives of the Winnipeg staffs was held in the Executive office on April 29th for the purpose of stimulating more interest in the tennis club. Mr. J. Chadwick Brooks presided.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. Bowdler; secretary, B. A. Everitt; assistant secretary, George Foster; treasurer and auditor, J. B. Dangerfield.

A canvass of the various departments resulted in one hundred names being handed in for membership.

The Company has very kindly consented to put up a ten-foot iron pipe fence, with small mesh wire, all round the enclosure. The club house will have a large shade awning in front. The Company has gone to a lot of expense in preparing these courts. If the membership proves satisfactory, the club will endeavour to place two bowling greens on the east end next season.

This year we have joined the Manitoba Tennis Association and have entered into club competition, in series "B," which will start the beginning of June.

A small increase was made in membership fees for H.B.C. employees. The new rates are: Ladies $5, gentlemen $7.50, associate ladies $6.50, associate gentlemen $8.50.

Executive Offices

A. Tuer Osborne, on the staff since September, 1923, resigned on March 31st, 1926. He carries with him our best wishes for his future success.

Boyd Rae has been transferred to the draperies department of the Winnipeg retail store.

Miss A. Ainge left us at the end of May to be married to Mr. Dangerfield. We wish both these members of the executive department every happiness.

Misses H. Ashby, H. McFaddin and C. Aitken have joined the staff of the executive department.

Misses Sanders and Heron, and Mr. Norman Paterson, have been with us for a time from London office. Mr. Paterson returned in April; Miss Sanders and Miss Heron remain with us a little longer.

On the second day of the nation-wide strike in Great Britain, the following cablegram was received from head office, London, England: "Despite all difficulties due to strike, complete staff in attendance."

Our Contributors

NO 8—ARABUS

Arabus, "frae Aberdeen awa'," joined the Hudson's Bay Company's senior service as an apprentice clerk in 1912, when he was sent to Fort Churchill, in the Nelson River district. Later he became post manager at Grassy Narrows.

During the war, from 1915 to 1919, he served as an artillery officer. On his return, 1919, he was sent to Grand Lac, Quebec, as post manager. He has been district accountant for Saskatchewan since 1921.

The contributions of Arabus to *The Beaver* have been varied but far too few for a man of his literary ability. Here is the list, showing an average of about one per annum, but even at that, a higher average than most *Beaver* readers can lay claim to:

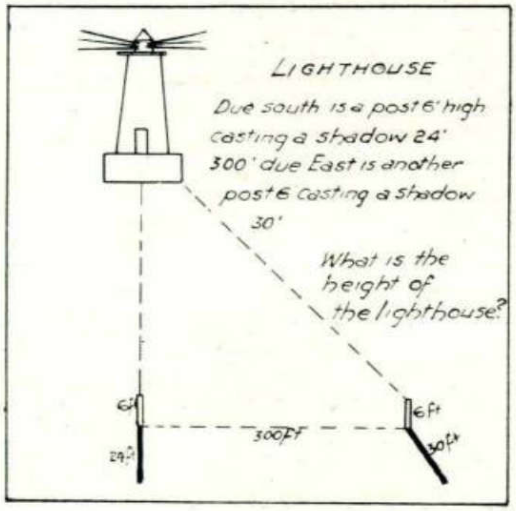
Rookies.
"Speed" Brown.
Courtesy.
The Epistle of Arabus.
Strange Epitaphs.
Two Minutes.
"Frog" in the Throat.

Original Competition

We are sorry that the "Original" competition announced in March issue of *The Beaver* did not meet with a sufficiently numerous response to merit any prize awards, while of the entries received only one or two conformed with the rules laid down in the competition.

A Lighthouse Problem

Arithmetic problems have generally brought large entries. We give one below. Let us hope this will prove popular.



Solve this problem, mark your attempt "Lighthouse" and mail it to the editor, *The Beaver*, Hudson's Bay Company, 93 Main Street, Winnipeg, Man. The competition is open to all Hudson's Bay Company employees. Closing date is August 10th.

Envelopes will be opened on August 11th and prizes of $3.00, $2.00 and $1.00 will be awarded to the senders of the three envelopes first opened which are found to contain the correct working out of the problem.

Montreal

In the last issue of *The Beaver* we had to report an inter-departmental marriage, and we are more than happy to have to do so again. This time the bride, N. E. Hayward, comes from the London buying office, and the groom, R. E. Doe, from the wholesale department. Miss Hayward arrived in Montreal on May 3rd, and the wedding took place on the 4th at the Basilica of St. James Cathedral. J. C. Atkins, manager of the wholesale department, presented to Mr. Doe a handsome oak clock in behalf of the staff, and conveyed to him their sincere wishes for his future happiness.

The numerous friends of W. E. Swaffield throughout the Company will be sorry to hear that it was necessary for him to spend a short while in hospital to undergo an operation, which we are glad to say proved successful. He is now about again and looking better than ever. We hope to have him back among us soon.

F. G. French resigned his position on 15th May to take up duties with the David Spencer Company, of Victoria. The sincerest wishes of the whole staff for his future success go with him. A. E. Dodmen, in a few appropriate words, conveyed to Mr. French the esteem in which he was held by the staff, and as a mark of their respect presented a travelling bag to him, in their behalf.

Land Department

NEW FOLDERS

An attractive illustrated folder has been issued by the Land Department, setting forth the Hudson's Bay Company's holdings for sale in Victoria, the vicinity, and on Vancouver Island generally. A large coloured map of Victoria and its suburbs, on which the Company's properties are clearly marked, occupies the entire centre portion of the folder.

Copies may be obtained on application to Land Agent, Hudson's Bay Company, 401 Pemberton Building, Victoria, or to Land Commissioner, Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Another folder, describing the Company's lands for sale in Edmonton, Alberta, and vicinity, is in course of preparation and should be ready by the time *The Beaver* goes to press.

Copies of this may be had on application to Land Agent, Hudson's Bay Company, Edmonton, Alberta, or to the Land Commissioner, Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Land Department is very proud of its Dominion champion basket-ball player, in the person of William Thorogood. Mr. Thorogood entered the service of the Land Department in February last as assistant cashier. The Manitoba Toilers basket-ball team beat Montreal for the Dominion championship.

Our old friend Tom Thorogood looked into the Land Department to say how-do-you-do to old friends. Tom has been with the provincial police at Nelson House, Split Lake, with headquarters at Mile 214, Pikwitonei, on the Hudson Bay Railway.

Fur Trade

Moonlight

There is magic in the moonlight
As it plays along the beach;
There is gorgeousness and lustre
Far beyond all human reach.
There is majesty and glamour;
There is pomp and pride, of kinds,
As it coldly bathes the hill tops
And each nook an cranny finds.
There is mystery and quiet
Where leaf-chequered shadows fall,
While it clear outlines the pine tops
Turreting the forest wall.
It makes the lake gleam crystal jewelled;
It tints the flowers pale,
As it streams from out the heavens
Over hill, and over dale.
It is echoed on a thousand lakes,
White tips each floating cloud;
And seems to cast about the world
A shimmering, silvery shroud.

—*Marcile.*

British Columbia District

SATISFIED TRAPPERS

It is a pleasure to receive letters such as the following from the fur men with whom we do business.

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Thanking you very much for your past fair dealing, and trusting this shipment will be graded as usual.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) NEIL M. LINDSEY.

Oxford House

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of David Munro, at Oxford House, Manitoba, on the 22nd January, 1926. Although the deceased's age was not actually known, he lived far beyond the usual span, and practically his entire life was spent in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company at Oxford House.

Pas Mountain

February 5th—Mrs. W. H. Hutton was taken seriously ill. She was conveyed to Prince Albert, arriving there on the 8th. After a two day's rest, a successful operation was performed, and she is now back at the post recuperating.

April 5th—One of the most peculiar winters in thirty-four years' experience is still dragging along. Severe cold, storms, and lots of snow, as is the usual experience in this part, have been lacking this winter, and fine mild weather has been the rule, with very little snow, and what little there was went off by middle of March. This caused the river to rise about three feet, lifting the ice, and it looked as if we would have open water in no time, but cold north winds began to blow and it froze up again. The spring rise in the river has gone, and the ice is back to its winter level.

Last summer a nice new house was built on the reserve here for use of the teacher of the Indian day school. This remained empty until about the end of February, when the Department was successful in securing the services of a teacher, Mr. J. C. Ash, for some time a teacher at the Barrier. He is accompanied by his bride. Both were heartily welcomed, as they are our only neighbours.

—*W. H. Hutton.*

St. John's, Newfoundland

The Sterling restaurant was the scene of an enjoyable gathering on 30th December last, when the Hudson's Bay Company (St. John's Agency) staff and the men on furlough from the north, L. A. Ewing, T. Carmichael, J. W. Nichols and H. M. Hawkins, and their lady friends, held a card party, dinner and dance.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. Small, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kavanagh, Miss F. Power, Captain Rendell and Engineer Robertson of M.S. *Fort Chesterfield*.

In a great measure the success of the evening was due to the capable manner in which the proceedings were handled by the chairman, W. J. Carson. The card games were interesting and exciting. The prizes were won by Harvey Small, Isabel Gamberg and Mrs. J. Kavanagh.

Great credit is due Mr. Sterling and his staff for the efficient manner in which the dinner was served. Excellent speeches were made in honouring the toasts, and songs were contributed by Mrs. Small, W. J. Carson and others. T. Carmichael and L. A. Ewing were amongst the speakers.

Indian Legend Lament

By E. B. SHELTON and L. MORIN
Clear Lake, Saskatchewan

Indian troubles, long and lasting,
Sometimes need a lot of blasting;
Long drawn faces full of grief,
Asking for some small relief.
Your wits are matched: some long born lie
That really makes good liars sigh.
You've heard it once, or more perhaps—
A silver eaten from their traps.
They buy a dog, they steal a wife,
Borrow a kettle, axe and knife;
They build a tent, and make a start,
Near starve to death and think it's smart.
They fade and die ten times a year,
But in the spring they re-appear
With four more kids so sweet and black,
Each dolled up in a rolled oats sack.
They beg and borrow; yes, that's true!
And payments still stay overdue.
You wait and worry, watch and pray
"Oh Father, lead us lest we stray."
We'll say "Amen," but this is true—
We hope you think its funny, too—
We often feel we'd like to boot 'em,
But keep instead to "Pro Pelle Cutem."

Fort Alexander

Negotiations which were proceeding between the Manitoba Pulp & Paper Company and the Fort Alexander band of Indians for the purchase outright of 400 acres of the reserve are concluded, the band receiving half of the purchase money, the remainder being held in trust.

Mr. Bartleman, our district manager, paid us a visit on his tour of inspection.

Recently the Oblate Fathers of the Fort Alexander R.C. Mission celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the founding of their order. Special services were held in honour of the occasion. A banquet was given at which quite a number of visitors were present, the Hudson's Bay Company's staff being much in evidence.

We learn that Bishop Newnham, of the Anglican Church, paid a visit to the pulp mill, where, by means of lantern slides, he gave a short account of his trip to the North by the H.B.C. steamer *Nascopie*

The Winnipeg river was clear of ice on May 1st. At 8 a.m. the thermometer registered 100 degrees in the sun, at 6 p.m. 2 degrees of frost, a variation of 70 degrees.

Beginning on 14th April, all mail for Fort Alexander should be addressed "via Pine Falls," instead of via Lac du Bonnet as formerly.

—*Chas. H. M. Gordon.*

London, England

Both the Company's new head office and new warehouse buildings have sprung up amazingly in the last few weeks, and what were recently gaping caverns with far down tiny men digging out the clay, while others took it away in trucks on little railways, have now suddenly become towering masses of iron girders. A view of the building operations by night and from above is quite an interesting sight, reminding one rather of a visit in a nightmare to the nether regions. A ruddy glow from a large cauldron of boiling pitch and numerous bright electric bulbs illuminate the whole scene, and the shadows of the attendant demons look immense as they are cast on the surrounding ironwork. A hideous clamour of pneumatic rivetters and the clanging of steel on steel fill the air, while far below may be seen little men still digging away at the foundations. The "hideous clamour," by the way, is not restricted to night-time. The entrance hall to Beaver House is now nearly completed, and looks very fine. All the walls are covered with Ancaster stone, which is of a lightish buff colour, with distinct marking.

We were pleased to welcome back Mr. Grover to the fur warehouse, after his trip to Canada. He looked very fit and was very favourably impressed by the hospitality of all with whom he came into contact.

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Hayward is leaving, but hope she will be very happy in Canada, where she is going to marry Mr. R. Doe, of Montreal.

Miss Sanders and Miss Heron are fortunately only temporarily absent. We are sure that they will both be as popular over there as they are here.

Two new departments have come into being in the last few months—The Development Department, of which great things are expected under Mr. Townsend, and the Overseas Settlement, which includes Mr. J. W. Anderson, late of the Canadian Land Department. Its offices are at 1, Charing Cross, overlooking Trafalgar Square.

We are very pleased to see Mr. C. C. Marshall back at work in the fur warehouse, and hope that he has fully recovered from his recent illness.

All success to Mr. Skuce, who has left (temporarily) the fur warehouse for Newfoundland in connection with the new developments there.

Messrs. Hopfenkopf and Elphick visited Leipzig and examined the offerings of Russian furs previous to the auction there.

Preparations for the Company's Spring Fur Sale were put in hand immediately after the January sale was finished, and the warehouse staff had one of the busiest times in their experience getting the catalogue ready and the goods on "show" by the due date. This was mainly owing to the very large numbers of foxes of all kinds which were shipped for inclusion in the auction. Fortunately, there was a record attendance of buyers to examine the goods and many congratulations were received on the greatly improved facilities afforded by those floors of the new warehouse which are now available.

Welcome to Miss Draper and Miss Chambers.

At the annual general meeting of the Beaver Club, held on the 10th March, J. H. Rendall was elected chairman of Committee, J. D. J. Forbes, honorary treasurer, and A. S. Ryder, secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee of the past year, and to Mr. Campbell, the indefatigable assistant secretary. The announcement by the treasurer that the club had a balance in hand was received with applause. Members were gratified to learn that the Governor (Mr. C. V. Sale) had agreed to become president of the club.—*T.R.*

General

EX-COMMISSIONER JOSEPH WRIGLEY

Joseph Wrigley passed away in February last at his home at Kensington Park Gardens, London, England, at the age of 87. He was born in Yorkshire, England, on February 3rd, 1839.

In 1874 he was president of the Huddersfield Chamber of Commerce and was a participant in several important commercial missions to Russia and France.

In 1884 he received the appointment of Trade Commissioner in Winnipeg for the Hudson's Bay Company in succession to Jas. A. Grahame.

During Mr. Wrigley's period of office the Saskatchewan rebellion of 1885 took place, and he was instrumental in placing the resources of the Company and the services of its officers at the disposal of the Dominion for the suppression of the disturbance.

He presided over the last Council meeting in Canada of the Company's factors held in the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, in 1887.

Mr. Wrigley held office continuously until 1891, when he was granted six months' sick leave, and at the expiry of this time was evidently not well enough to resume his duties, as on May 12th, 1891, he was succeeded by Mr. C. C. Chipman as Trade Commissioner.

SIR THOMAS SKINNER, BART.

Sir Thomas Skinner, who succeeded Lord Strathcona as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company and directed the affairs of the Company during the years 1914-1916, died at London, England, on May 11th, 1926.

Sir Thomas Skinner was an outstanding figure in financial and railroading circles, having founded and edited the *Stock Exchange Journal*, the *Stock Exchange Gazette*, the *Bankers' Almanac and Year Book*, etc. He was a director of the C.P.R. and the C.P.R. Ocean Steamship Services, and a member of the London advisory board of the Bank of Montreal.

Sir Thomas Skinner was born in Bristol, England, in 1840, and was always deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the progress of Canada.

THE LATE C. H. FAIR

It is with deep regret we record the passing of C. H. Fair, manager of the Saskatoon retail store, on February 28th, at his home, 315 Saskatchewan Crescent.

Mr. Fair was born at Collingwood, Ontario, in 1873, and in his early manhood was associated with his father and brothers in the general merchandise business.

He followed the "Trail of '98," during the Klondyke gold rush. He joined the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in January, 1919. He was manager at Lethbridge, served later at Montreal wholesale, then in October 1923 was transferred to Saskatoon as manager of the store there.

Between 700 and 800 people attended the funeral service held in Knox United Church March 1st.

Floral tributes were received from the Governor and Committee of the Company, from individual members and from the staffs of many of the Company's stores by whom Mr. Fair was highly esteemed; also from a great many personal friends in Saskatoon and elsewhere.

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